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Dear Neighbors and Friends:

I invite you to read this month's newsletter where you will find information about upcoming community events, county services, January in review and other important legislative updates.

Sincerely,

Esteban Bovo, Jr.

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Commissioner's Upcoming Events

February
5th - Golden Passport
[7th - Movie night](#)
[8th - Mega Adoption
Event](#)
[21st - Movie Night](#)
[26th - Town Hall](#)
[28th - Movie Night](#)

March
3rd - Mom & Pop App.
Opens
10th - Town Hall
14th - Mom & Pop App.
Closes

[Visit our Community
Calendar](#)

OPEN YOUR HEART AND YOUR HOME



PET ADOPTION AND FUNDRAISER EVENT

SPONSORED BY:

**Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr.
Miami-Dade County Animal Services
Parks, Recreation, and Open Spaces Department**

**SATURDAY • 2/8/2014 • 9 A.M. TO 6 P.M.
AMELIA EARHART PARK - Bill Graham Farm Village
FREE PARK ENTRANCE AND PARKING**

FREE and reduced fee pet adoptions
FREE Spay/Neuter—appointment required
Call 3-1-1 for Dogs // 305-233-9958 for Cats
Vaccines, Microchips and Tags at a minimal cost
FREE Sunpass Transponders

FOOD TRUCKS • PONY RIDES • VENDORS • MUSIC • PETTING ZOO

Bring animal related supplies for Catholic Hospice's "Pet Peace of Mind" drive

COME AND FIND YOUR FURRY VALENTINE!



Call our office at 305.820.8424 for more details

Get your Golden Passport and Save the Ride to Downtown!

***Join us Wednesday, February 5th at our District Office
located at 1490 West 68th Street, Suite 101 Hialeah FL 33014
to renew or apply for your golden passport.***

Community Events

Hialeah

11th - Council Meeting
22nd - Art on Palm
25th - Council Meeting

Miami Lakes

3rd - 87th Grand Opening
7th - Movie in the Park

8th - Valentine's Day Senior Social
11th - Council Meeting
21st - Movie in the Park

Palm Springs North

11th - Civic Association Meeting

Miami-Dade County residents who are 65 years or older and Social Security beneficiaries can register for or renew their Golden Passport EASY Card free of charge.

To register for or renew your card, your address must be current and correct within the department's system, and you must bring the following documents:

- * Picture identification (Current, valid Florida I.D. or Driver's License)
- * Social Security Card
- * A current year print-out from the Social Security Administration, verifying continued eligibility (if under 65 years of age)
- * Golden Passport EASY Card (For those renewing their cards)

For more information, please contact Commissioner Bovo's office at 305-820-8424.



Commissioner Esteban Bovo, Jr. and Miami-Dade Transit invite you to register for your Golden Passport EASY Card

El Comisionado Esteban Bovo, Jr. y el Departamento de Transporte Público de Miami-Dade les invita a inscribirse para su tarjeta EASY Card del Pasaporte Dorado

To register, bring your Social Security Card and a current valid Florida ID or driver's license.

Para inscribirse, traiga su tarjeta del Seguro Social y una identificación válida del estado de la Florida o su licencia de conducir.

Senior residents of Miami-Dade County 65 and older ride free on transit with the Golden Passport EASY Card. For more information, call 786-469-5028.

Residentes del Condado de Miami-Dade de 65 años de edad o más viajan gratis usando el transporte público con la tarjeta EASY Card del Pasaporte Dorado. Para más información, llame al 786-469-5028.



COMMISSIONER ESTEBAN BOVO, JR. DISTRICT OFFICE
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Hialeah, Florida 33014
WEDNESDAY/ MIERCOLES 2/5/2014
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Just send your email address by text message:

Text
COMBOVO
to **22828** to get started.



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Mobile Constituent Hours

Our office will be holding mobile office hours every month in order to meet with constituents in the Miami Lakes and Palm Springs North region of District 13.

Monday, February 10th from 1 to 3 p.m.

Miami Lakes Library Branch
6699 Windmill Gate Road
Miami, FL 33014

Monday, February 10th from 3 to 5 p.m.

Palm Spring North Branch
17601 NW 78th Avenue
Miami FL, 33015

Should you need any assistance with Miami-Dade County issues or have any concerns that you would like to address with Commissioner Bovo, please come out and meet with him. No appointments are necessary.

Commissioner ESTEBAN BOVO, JR., Senator RENÉ GARCÍA and
Mayor CARLOS HERNANDEZ invite you to

Hialeah Movie Nights

FREE ADMISSION



SHOWTIME AT SUNSET

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

MOVIE:

WRECK-IT RALPH

MCDONALD PARK
7505 West 12th Avenue



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

BRAVE
O'Quinn Park

BRING YOUR BLANKETS AND CHAIRS!

THERE WILL BE FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE 2014 HIALEAH RELAY FOR LIFE





OPEN FOR BUSINESS SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP



Miami-Dade County Commissioner Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., in partnership with The Beacon Council

is hosting a small business workshop promoting economic development.

Supported by THE TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES.



What: Open for Business - Small Business Workshop
- Growing your business in Miami-Dade

Who: New or existing small businesses

When: February 25th, 2014, 7:45am - 10:00am

Where: Town Hall of Miami Lakes, 6601 Main Street
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

HOW TO:

- START A BUSINESS, BUILD A PLAN
- GET FINANCING RESOURCES
- GROW BY MARKETING
- CONNECT WITH BUSINESS NETWORK

RSVP: This event is at no cost to participants. Please reserve early - Space is limited.
RSVP on-line at www.beaconcouncil.com/events • 305-579-1338

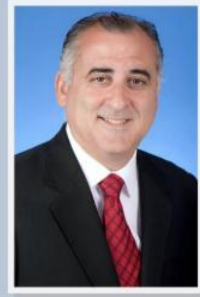
Supporters: Hialeah Chamber of Commerce, Miami Lakes Chamber of Commerce, Hialeah Dade Development
• Accion • Department of Regulatory and Economic Resources • Economic Community Partnership (ECP)
• Hispanic Business Initiative Fund (HBIF) • Miami Dade Defense Alliance (Military)
• Partners For Self Employment Inc. • PortMiami FTZ 281 • SCORE • Small Business Administration (SBA)

Click on image to RSVP

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY
COMMISSIONER ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.
INVITES YOU TO HIS

Town Hall Series

to discuss and listen to your concerns and ideas!



Wednesday, February 26th
5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Town Hall of Miami Lakes
6610 Main Street
Miami Lakes, FL 33014

Wednesday, March 26th
5:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Norman & Jean Reach Park
7901 NW 176th Street
Miami FL 33015

*We will host a Town Hall meeting throughout our District
every last Wednesday of the Month*

CALL **305.820.8424** FOR MORE INFORMATION

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ATTENTION SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS Mom and Pop Small Business Grant

For the consecutive year, Commissioner Bovo will be giving aid to small business throughout District Mom & Pop Small Business Grant . **The application will be open from March 3rd to the 14th**

For more information, please feel free to our office or Hialeah-Dade Development's 305-884-1219.



Calling all High School and College Students

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSIONER ESTEBAN BOVO, JR.
is looking for Interns and Volunteers**

**DO YOU NEED COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS?
DO YOU WANT TO GAIN EXPERIENCE WORKING FOR COUNTY GOVERNMENT?
DO YOU WANT TO BUILD YOUR RESUME?**



CONTACT HIS OFFICE AT 305.820.8424 TO INQUIRE



FROM THE DAIS

Future County bond measures will let voters know their taxes will pay for them

Future Miami-Dade County bond referendums will contain a caveat to voters: Approving the bond item will raise your taxes.



The Miami-Dade County Commission on Jan. 22 gave final approval to an [ordinance](#) sponsored by Commissioner Esteban Bovo Jr. to include language in future bond measures specifying that the proposed bond would be "paid or secured by taxes derived from the assessed value of property in the County." A two-thirds majority of the Commission would be required to waive the new language.

"This language will ensure that voters are aware that what they're voting for will increase their property taxes," Commissioner Bovo said. "History has shown that Miami-Dade citizens don't have a problem paying for something when they feel it is important enough, but as a County, I feel we owe it to voters to be as transparent as possible."

JANUARY IN REVIEW

**Roberto Alonso Community Center Dedication
Ceremony**



The Commissioner was one of many guests that attended the Roberto Alonso Community Center Dedication Ceremony on Saturday the 25th. Mr. Roberto Alonso was the first Vice-Mayor of the Town of Miami Lakes and played a vital role in the vision of Miami Lakes.



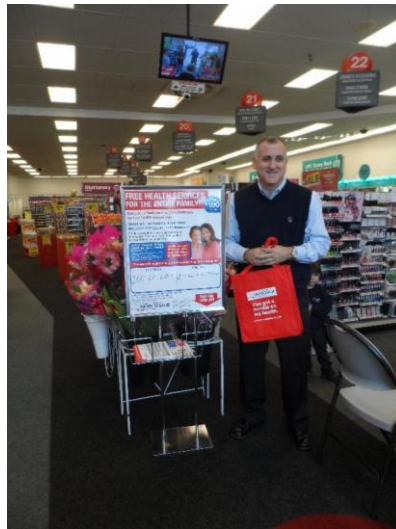
From Left to Right: Commissioner Bovo, Councilman Lama, Councilman Rodriguez, Councilman Mestre, Mayor of Hialeah Carlos Hernandez and Vice-Mayor Cid.

Hialeah Movie Night at Bright Park



Commissioner Bovo and State Senator Rene Garcia hosted a movie at Bright park on Friday the 24th for the community. Although it was a cold night, we had a great turnout. The movie shown was Planes.

CVS Caremark Project Health Campaign





Commissioner Bovo went to CVS in the Town of Miami Lakes for a free Healthcare screening. These healthcare screenings were held at several CVS locations in the month of January within District 13. These screenings consisted of checking blood pressure, BMI, diabetes and cholesterol.

Hialeah Movie Night at Walker Park



Commissioner Bovo and State Senator Rene Garcia hosted a

movie at Walker park for the community. Unfortunately, due to the weather conditions, the movie had to be moved inside! The movie shown was Monsters University.

COUNTY SERVICES

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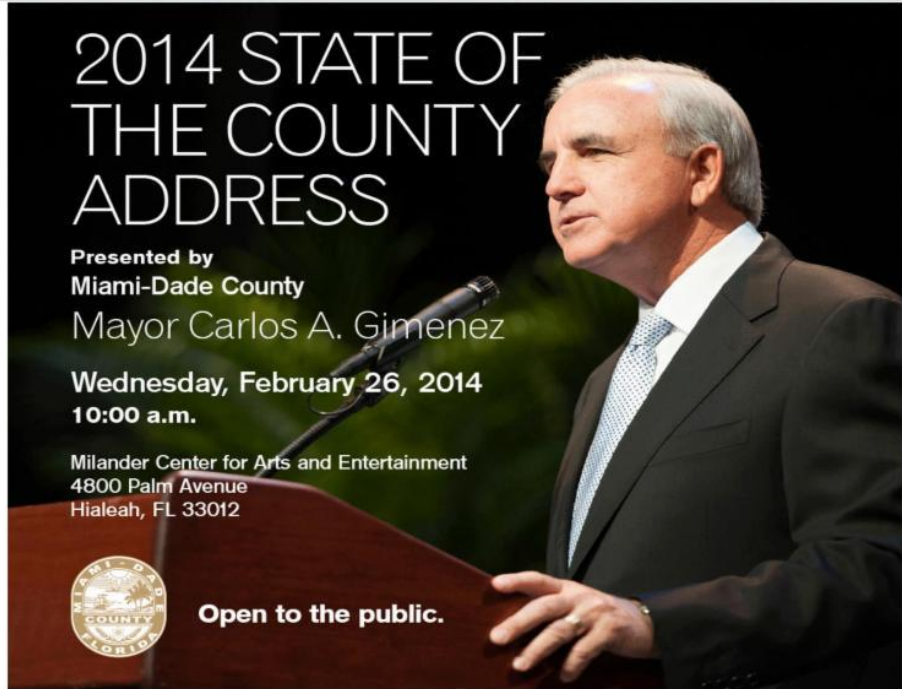
Mayor Carlos A. Gimenez

Wednesday, February 26, 2014
10:00 a.m.

Milander Center for Arts and Entertainment
4800 Palm Avenue
Hialeah, FL 33012



Open to the public.



The Community Image Advisory Board (CIAB)
invites you to help our community and win
a great prize!



Design a poster that explains what we can do to "Clean Up and Green Up" our community.

NEW THIS YEAR!

A video competition:



High Schools are encouraged to submit a video (a maximum of two minutes long) telling us your school's tips to "Clean Up and Green Up" our community.

Click on www.miamidade.gov/image/ for more details.

A Wonderful Prize Can Be Yours:

Grades	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Elementary School*	Leap Pad	\$75 ToysRUs Gift Card	\$50 ToysRUs Gift Card
Middle School*	Ipod	\$75 iTunes Gift Card	\$50 AMC Movies Gift Card
High School*	Ipod	\$75 iTunes Gift Card	\$50 AMC Movies Gift Card

High School Video Winner: A Deluxe Video Package for your school.

*Teachers of winning students will also win a prize!

Entries will be accepted beginning
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
and must be submitted by
Friday, February 21, 2014

Submit entries to:

Clean Up and Green Up Poster Contest
c/o The Miami Herald Media Company/NIE
Attn: Karen A. Tynes
3511 NW 91 Avenue
Miami, Florida 33172
ktynes@miamiherald.com

Poster requirements: Include your name, school, grade, home address, phone number or e-mail on the back of the poster or visit www.miamidade.gov/image/ to print submitted form. The submitted form must be taped to the back of the artwork. All artwork must be original. You may use any medium except oil, no photographs or three-dimensional. Only winning posters will be returned. Artwork cannot be larger than 18" X 20". One artwork per student. One artist per submitted. Submissions must be original designs created by student. The contest is open to all students in grades K-12 in any school within Miami-Dade County. All entries become property of the Miami Herald, Community Image Advisory Board and NewsMedia Education. Video requirements can be found online at www.miamidade.gov/image/



To request material in accessible format, information on access for persons with disabilities, or sign language interpreter services (7 days in advance), call 305-765-7648.



LIFETIME LIVING THROUGH ART PROGRAM RETURNS TO THE MIAMI-DADE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Adults 55 and older are invited to get creative at the Miami-Dade Public Library during the new *Lifetime Living Through Art* program series, which begins on Wednesday, February 5.

This program, sponsored by the *MetLife Foundation* and administered by New York based *Lifetime Arts, Inc.*, is helping libraries respond to the growing demand for meaningful programs for older adults. The Miami-Dade Public Library was first selected to participate in the program in 2012, and is currently one of only three library systems chosen to participate in the 2014 project.

Led by professional teaching artists, the free instructional workshops will engage participants in drawing, painting and photography, with the goal to foster mastery and promote meaningful social engagement—two key ingredients for positive aging.

Interested adults must commit to attending all workshops in the series, and participating in a culminating event to showcase their work. Workshops will be held at the following locations. Interested adults should call the branches to register.

- Miami Lakes Branch – 6699 Windmill Gate Rd., 305-822-6520
Beginning Painting, February 5 – March 26
Culminating event – Saturday, March 29, 3 PM
- North Central Branch - 9590 NW 27 Ave., 305-693-4541
Fine Art Digital Photography, February 15 – April 5
Culminating event- Saturday, April 19, 11 AM
- Miami Beach Regional – 227 22nd St., 305-535-4219
Elements and Style of Drawing, March 27 – May 15
Culminating event- Thursday, May 22, 2 PM
- Homestead Branch – 700 N Homestead Blvd., 305-246-0168
Elements and Style of Drawing, March 31 – May 19
Culminating event – Thursday, May 29, 10 AM

COMMUNITY UPDATES



Commissioner Bovo is excited to announce that after a long wait, NW 87th Avenue will finally be opening. People will now have quicker access to emergency services. It will bring the needed improvements to resolve the traffic in the surrounding areas.

Join the Town of Miami Lakes and I to witness this historic moment, hope to see you there.





TOWN OF MIAMI LAKES
AND ITS YOUTH ACTIVITIES TASK FORCE
BRING YOU


MOVIES AT THE PARK

Jan. 10 & 24
Feb. 7 & 21
7:30 pm

MIAMI LAKES PICNIC PARK WEST
15151 MONTROSE ROAD

FREE!


MIAMI LAKES
Growing Beautifully







Saturday, February 22 from Noon to 10 pm
Palm Avenue between 9th Street and Okeechobee Road

Art on Palm

Presented by
PRESIDENTE SUPERMARKET




and Palm Classic Car and Bike Show


Featuring the *world famous food trucks!*

Entertainment	Kids' Zone
 Latin Music <i>Rockin' on Palm</i> Live Art  Street Performers Car and Bike Show Awards Youth Arts Festival Awards Stilt Walker  Jugglers BBoy Performers and More!	 Bounce Houses Rock Climbing Slides  Community Information Station Face Painting Family Entertainment 


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City of HIALEAH
www.hialeahfl.gov








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For more information call 305.889.5714

The City of Hialeah Art on Palm Festival is made possible with the support of the Miami-Dade County Department of Culture, Arts and the Cultural Affairs Council, the Miami-Dade County Mayor and Board of County Commissioners.



If you would like to submit a community invitation or update for our next newsletter, please email us at District13@miamidade.gov

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